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Lucy married J. W. Murdaugh, of Williamsburg. (Chancery papers.)

Will of Bartholomew Dandridge.

Dated March 16, 1785; proved May 13, 1785, by Wm. Armistead and John Dandridge, 2 of the ex'ors; and, there being no witnesses to the same, it was proved to be of his own proper hand by the oaths of William Dandridge, Leonard Henley, and Benedict Crump. Teste, William Clayton, C. C. "To dear mother, Frances Dandridge, £50 current money per annum, to be paid her quarterly during her natural life." Legacies to son John, wife Mary Dandridge, and her mother Lucy Burbidge; provides for the freedom of two slaves, and directs the balance to be divided, after a life-estate in his wife Mary and her mother Lucy, between his children by his "present wife Mary"; to sons Julius Burbidge Dandridge, Bartholomew Dandridge, and William Dandridge, "all my lands in North Carolina purchased of Patrick Henry, Esq., 4,000 acres"; to "my three daughters Martha, Mary, and Frances"; son Bartholomew under age; makes no provision for his daughter Anne Claiborne, because of her being well provided for, except gift of a negro, as one also to his granddaughter Elizabeth Dandridge Claiborne; wife executrix; friends John Lacy and William Armistead, two sons John and Julius, and son-in-law William Dandridge Claiborne, executors.

LETTERS OF GEORGE HUME, OF VIRGINIA.

The genealogical table entitled "HUME PEDIGREE," begins with Sir DAVID HUME, of Wedderburn, Berwickshire, Scotland, named in a charter of 1450.

The table given in the second volume of Drummond's *Noble British Families* extends the line far beyond Sir DAVID of Wedderburn, fixing its source in PATRICK HUME, second son of GOSPATRICK, the fourth Earl of Dunbar and March, who died in the year 1166. It relates to the three families of DUNBAR, HUME, and DUNDAS; the former being the elder family and the two latter derived from it. For particulars of the line these tables may be consulted.

GEORGE HUME, the then head of the House of Wedderburn, died in 1720. He had married, October 4, 1695, Margaret, daughter of Sir PATRICK HUME, of Lumsden, and of this marriage there survived him six sons, viz., DAVID, who succeeded him as Laird, and

died without issue in 1764; GEORGE, PATRICK, FRANCIS, JOHN and JAMES; and two daughters, viz., MARGARET, who married Ninian Home, of Jardensfield, and JANE, who married Rev. John Todd, minister of "Lady Kirk."

GEORGE, the second of the six sons above named, is the progenitor of our family in America. He was born at Wedderburn Castle, Berwickshire, Scotland, May 30, 1697; came to Culpeper, Virginia, in 1721; engaged in land surveying as an occupation, the bond given at that time now of record at Orange Court house, Va.; married Elizabeth Proctor, at Fredericksburg, Va., 1728, and died in Culpeper in 1760, leaving six children, all sons, viz., GEORGE, FRANCIS, JOHN, WILLIAM, JAMES, and CHARLES.

At two several times the House of Lords has considered the claims of applicants in England to the dormant titles and honors of the family. It is probable that the following references in the *Genealogist's Guide* may be of value to those interested in the subject: "Claim of Alexander Home to be Earl of Marchmont,¹ House of Lords Session Papers 40, of 1822"; "claim of Francis Home, Esq., to the title of Earl of Marchmont, Session of 1838." It is said that the English claimants could not prove that George Hume (or Home as the name is variously spelt) did not have descendants in Virginia. As a matter of fact he left numerous descendants in Virginia.

Francis Hume, Esq., of Washington, born in Culpeper county, Va., July 21, 1843, and now resident on the Potomac, just across from Washington, is the son of Charles Hume and Frances Virginia Rawlins, first cousin to Gen. John A. Rawlins, Gen. Grant's chief of staff and later Secretary of War. His father, Charles Hume, was son of Armistead Hume and Priscilla Colvin (daughter of John and Sarah Colvin). Armistead Hume was son of Francis Hume (and Elizabeth Duncan, his wife), second of the six sons of George Hume, who emigrated to Virginia in 1721, because of a quarrel with his family.

Mr. Hume has many interesting letters of the Hume family, copies of some of which he has kindly furnished the editor.

In the State Library there are some printed pages evidently

¹ The last person bearing the title of Earl of Marchmont was Alexander Hume Campbell. He married Lady Arrabella, daughter and co-heir of Philip, second Earl of Hardwick (née Baroness Lucas) but dying in 1781, without issue, the honor died with him. The title, of right, belongs to the Virginia family of Hume.

from the official records of the House of Lords in one of the suits above mentioned, and these pages besides other interesting matter contain two letters of George Hume interesting for their description of Virginia life on the frontier.

[*To Ninian Home.*]

RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, *June 20, 1723.*

SR,—We had no sooner landed in this Country, but I was taken immediately wth all y^e most common distampers y^e attend it, but y^e most violent of all was a severe flux of w^{ch} my uncle¹ died being the governor's factor at a place called Germawna in the upper parts of y^e Colony whom he berried their and put pails about his berrial place w^{ch} is not very common in y^s country. I went and saw it as soon as I was able to ride. Y^t distemper brought me so low in a very short time y^t I was scarce able to walk however I was oblided to tend y^e store for all my being so ill till we had done purchasing tobacco for y^e ship's loadning w^{ch} took me about six weeks when I was so much out of ordre y^t I was oblided to go to Williamsburg by Water where I met wth Dr. Brown² who I suppose gave you an account last year of my condition. He declared to my selfe after he had almost cured me of the flux y^t he did not expect I should have lived. I waited on y^e governour y^e day after I went to town & delivered y^m Spotswood's letter. He was seemingly very kind to me & talked to me very friendly but he told me it was out of his power to do anything for me he being put out of his place and he had so many wth y^m that he was oblided to put away some of y^m whom he could best spare—then q^t to do I could not tell however I advised wth Dr. Brown who was of y^e oppinion I should return home as soon as I could. What little money I had I was oblided to spend it at WmsBurg the Time I was their sick w^{ch} was about five weeks indeed y^e Dr. took nothing for my druggs. All that comes to this country have ordinarily sickness at first w^{ch} they call a seasoning of w^{ch} I shall assure you I had a most severe one when I went to town. I got but very little for my store keeping for all

¹ Francis Hume, factor to Governor Spottswood.

² Dr. John Brown, of Williamsburg, "late of Cold Stream, North Britain," married, first, Margaret ———, who died in 1720; second, Mildred Howell, (who married, second, Col. Henry Willis, of Fredericksburg.) He died September 24, 1726. (See QUARTERLY II., p. 84; III., p. 106.) There is in the records of Bruton Parish (which included Williamsburg) mention of another John Brown who married Judith (Armistead?) and had issue: 1, Judith, born May 26, 1746, married Samuel Coke, July 17, 1760, ancestor of the Cokes of Virginia and Texas; 2, John, born October 4, 1750; 3, Sally Armistead, born December 26, 1758.

y^t went to pay my passage for whenever my cosen John Watson at Port Glasgow told the Merchants there q^t you had writtne to him was the occasion of my going away so hastely they would not allow me to go but to come home again and they sent to Whithaven (because we were driven in there by stress of wather) to desire our Captain to send me home but he proved so much my friend when he saw me so fond of going (for he was always very kind to me) that he got me into another ship and I was to keep y^e store for my passage of w^{ch} I was very glad & accepted of it so y^t you may know by y^t I could be but vey poor in purse & I did not know q^t hand to turn my selfe to for I could get no bussinesse for unlesse one have very good recommendation there is no sort of bussiness to be got in y^s Indian Country wherefore I could have traveled farer where I was informed I would have been better if I could have got any money but y^s is y^e worst place for y^t I could have pitched upon for there is so little in y^e country y^t I believe a great many of y^m does not know it if they saw it only. They make a parcell of tobacco w^{ch} they make to buy themselves cloathes and makes it to go from one to another instied of money and that is all they seek after here so y^t if nothing fall out better for me next year if it be possible for me to get a little money & cloathes together I design for farrer abroad either to Jamaica or y^e West Indies which ever of them I can get y^e best accounts of I thought to have gone to New York little after I came here when I found so little incouragement here w^{ch} is not far from y^s place but I could never be worth so much as to carry me it being very dear travelling y^t way. I hear my brother Pattrick is there Surgein of y^e Grayhound Man of Warr lying on y^t station.

Mr. Petter Chambers has been very kind to me in y^s place in assisting me wth severall necessaries which I could not want and which it had been very hard for me to get unless he had assisted me such as shoos & stokins for ever since I came into y^s country I have never gained anything for myselfe unless it be sometimes a small parcell of tobacco w^{ch} I get for writting. Every thing of cloathing is most unreasonably dear here it being three times as dear as in Scotland so y^t y^t is y^e greats^t strait I am att.

I have had not my halth very well in y^s country as yet but however I have it much better than I had it last year only I am now and then trobled wth y^e fever & ague w^{ch} is a very violent distemper here This place is only good for doctors & ministers who have very good encouragem^t here.

I must own I think it the hight of impudence for me to write to

you wth was the occasion of my not writting last year but having incrotched so far on you good nature formerly and still have found you my very well wisher I hope you will excoose me for tho' at that time I did not adhere to your good advice yet now I see my folly and I wish to God I had given more ear to you and less to some others. It had been better for me and many a time now it make me melencholy to think of my follies and despising my best of friends advice while you have always been wherefore dear s^r let this be my excuse.

I designed to have writtne to my mother but after I had be-
thought with my selfe how much I had disoblidged and how far I
had been out of the way to her who I may now say (if I had con-
sidered it right at that time) was the best of mothers to me for
which I pray God and she may both forgive me which as long as I
am on this side of time I am oblidged to pray for and it makes me
that I shall never forget the verse which I remember I learned
long agoe which was

“O mihi præteritos referat Si Jupitis annos.”

Neither can I have the impudence to send my duty to her unless
you will be pleased to give it and to interceed for me but you have
interceeded there for me so oftne that I can scarce desire it now
and if I were to serve you on my knees while I lived it would
scarce be a recompence for all such favours which I have received
from you. I have yet another favor to ask of you which is that
you will be pleased to let me hear from you how you and all
friends are.

I stay in the upper part of Essex County on Rappahannock river.
If you please to write let it be directed to Mr. Chambers care who
will forward it to me. He lives on the same river but further
down. I desire you will be pleased to give my duty to all your
family to my grandmother my aunt to Mrs. Home and all my
brothers. And I am and allways shall think myselfe

D^r Sir

Your most humbled and
obliged servant to —¹

G. HOME.

Virginia June 20 1723

To Mr. Ninian Home of Billie att his
loddging forgainst the Magdalene
Chaple in the Cougate
Edinburgh.

¹ A word torn away after “to.”

[*To James Home.*]

DEAR JAMIE: I would have written to you last year but I always delay'd it till I saw if I could get any business w^{ch} made me delay it so long till all y^e shipping were gone & besides y^t having so very highly disobliged your father who I find now to have been my best of friends I could not write to any unless to him w^{ch} I could not have the confidence to do tho I have taken it upon me y^s year for I cannot let mysele thinke but he is still my very well wisher & if I had taken more of his advice then I did it had been more to my advantage then I can mention I find that there is nothing to be got here without very good recommendation Tho mine was good yet it did me no manner of service because just as I came into y^e country y^e Go: lost his place & another came in not long after but I thank God I made a shift to live & y^t is all I cannot get a pint of good topany bere to drink your halths for all our drink here is water & sometimes rum but y^t is very dear and very little mony to buy it Cloaths and linnin are very dear in y^s Indian Country yea I truly think y^m three times as dear as at home tobacco is all y^e commodity here I have had but very ordinary halth in y^s country as yet especially last summer and fall but I begin to take a little better with y^e place w^{ch} I suppose you will hear from your father for I have given a full account of it. I believe indeed I should have died if Dr. Brown had not stood my friend att Williamsburgh from which place I am now at a great distance above one hundred miles I hope I shall hear from you with the first shipping and direct for me to y^e care of Mr. Petter Chambers on Rappahannock River Virginia I desire you will give my service to my friend Henry Scrimsiour and Dickson Mrs. Helen & Mary Rentons and all other friends and I am

Dr Jamie

Your most humble

and obliged servant

G. HOME.

I desire you may not forget to give my service to Mr. George Home and tell him I shall be very glad to hear from him. To Mr. James Home sone of

Mr. Ninian Home of Billy att

Edinburgh.